

List of Native South Florida Tree Species

Common Name	Watering Needs	Plat Type	Comments
Acacia, Sweet	Low	Evergreen	Small flowering tree with fine leaves lending airy appearance. Produces showy, fragrant, yellow flowers intermittently all year.
Ash, Pop	High	Deciduous	Large shade tree, often multi-trunked, with an open crown giving filtered light. Fruit attracts birds.
Blolly	Low	Evergreen	Small shade or accent tree with smooth gray bark and attractive leaves. Well suited for coastal locations. Produces red fruits in summer through fall that attract birds.
Buttonwood	Low	Evergreen	Medium-sized specimen tree with interesting multi-trunks and open canopies. High salt, wind and drought tolerances.
Common Persimmon	Medium	Deciduous	Large specimen or shade tree with thick, showy bark, and is very adaptable to a variety of growing conditions. Large fleshy, edible fruit attract birds and wildlife. Fall color.
Crabwood	Low	Evergreen	A small densely branched screening or background tree with a compact narrow, growth habit making it suitable for planting sites between buildings.
Cypress, Bald	Low	Conifer	Large shade or specimen tree that prefers moist locations but will easily adapt to drier sites. Desirable foliage color all year with feathery looking leaves.
Cypress, Pond	Low	Conifer	Large shade or specimen tree with a narrow pyramidal growth habit. Tiny needle-like leaves give tree an open wispy appearance.
Elm, Florida	Medium	Deciduous	Large upright, vase-shaped shade or background tree that prefers rich moist soils. Thick dark gray bark. Attractive fall foliage. Elms are the larval food plant for Question Mark butterflies.
Fiddlewood	Low	Evergreen	Small flowering accent or screening tree with glossy leaves and fragrant tubular white flowers springs through fall. Trunk may be single or multi-stemmed.
Florida Soapberry	Low	Semi-deciduous	Small accent, shade or background tree with a round, densely branched canopy. Prefers well-drained soil. Essentially an indestructible pest-free plant. Fruit lather when combined with water.
Geiger Tree	Low	Evergreen	Small flowering accent or shade tree with a round canopy and extremely showy orange flower clusters throughout the year.
Gumbo Limbo	Low	Semi-deciduous	Versatile shade or specimen tree with a round open form. Interesting trunk shapes and attractive copper to green-colored peeling bark. Easily propagated by cuttings of any size. Nectar source.
Hercules' Club	Low	Deciduous	Small specimen tree with a round crown and

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			interesting dark green compound leaves with tall clusters of greenish flowers. Stout prickles cover much of the plant.
Hickory, Scrub	Low	Deciduous	Small specimen or shade tree with compound leaflets and edible nuts utilized by wildlife. Excellent choice for dry sandy sites. Grows larger in fertile soils.
Holly, Dahoon	Low	Evergreen	Small specimen tree with an open irregular form. Prefers moist planting sites. Female trees produce colorful red berries in the fall and winter. Which are a major food source for birds.
Ironwood, Black	Low	Evergreen	Small specimen or background tree with dense, glossy, dark green oval leaves and furrowed light gray bark. Fruit is attractive to birds. Heaviest wood of any American tree.
Joewood	Low	Evergreen	Small flowering accent tree with densely branched canopy and dense foliage. Produces fragrant white flowers year round. Attractive blue-gray bark. Extremely slow growing.
Magnolia, Southern	Medium	Evergreen	Large flowering shade tree with large glossy, dark green leaves, showy, fragrant white flowers in the spring and summer. Tolerant of most growing conditions, but prefers wet sites.
Mahogany	Low	Evergreen	Large shade or specimen tree with a densely leafy canopy. Tolerant of most growing conditions except wet sites. Web worms and weak branches can be a problem.
Mangrove, Black	High	Evergreen	Medium-sized shade, background or screening tree that grows in brackish water sites, but can adapt to dryer locations. Valuable wildlife plant. Protected.
Mangrove, Red	High	Deciduous	Large background tree. Commonly found growing in salt or brackish water. Characterized by prop roots. Valuable wildlife plant. Protected.
Mangrove, White	High	Evergreen	Medium-sized background or screen tree. Commonly used to help stabilize and hold soil near or in coastal areas. Valuable wildlife plant. Protected.
Maple, Red	Medium	Deciduous	Versatile shade tree with outstanding fall color. In winter, males produce tiny red flowers, females produce winged fruit.
Mastic	Low	Evergreen	Large attractive shade tree with a single wind-resistant straight trunk, rounded crown and fragrant yellow flowers. Edible, gummy fruits attract wildlife. Pest free.
Mulberry, Red	Medium	Deciduous	Medium-sized shade or background tree with large, rough-textured showy leaves and edible fruits in the springs. Fruits attract bird, but may stain pavement.
Oak, Chapman	Medium	Deciduous briefly	Small shade or background tree that produces tiny acorns, which are sought after by wildlife. Prefers sandy well-drained soils.

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Oak, Laurel	Low	Evergreen	Large fast-growing shade tree with a densely rounded crown when mature. Tolerant of most planting conditions, but dislikes alkaline solids. Acorns are a wildlife food source.
Oak, Live	Low	Evergreen	Large shade tree with a broad spreading canopy and thick trunk. Wind resistant and long-lived. With age the tree will become wider than tall. Acorns provide food for wildlife and birds.
Oak, Sand Live	Low	Evergreen	Large shade or specimen tree with dense round canopy. A small version of live oak. Prefers well-drained soil. Leaves and acorns will stain cement but are a wildlife food source.
Paradise Tree	Low	Evergreen	Large shade or specimen tree with attractive glossy green foliage and a broad rounded crown. Bright red new growth in spring and summer. Red fruit in summer attract birds.
Pigeon Plum	Low	Evergreen	Small screening or specimen tree with a narrow upright growth habit and attractive peeling bark. Edible purple fruit in autumn attracts wildlife. Tolerant of urban planting sites.
Pine, Sand	Low	Conifer	Attractive shade or specimen tree with an open irregular canopy, and short dark-green needles. Prefers dry, well-drained sandy soils. Excellent wildlife food source. Somewhat short-lived.
Pine, Slash	Low	Conifer	Large background or shade tree with an open canopy and shiny dark green needles. Very sensitive to soil grade changes or compaction. Excellent wildlife food source.
Pine, South Florida Slash	Low	Conifer	Large background or shade tree with dense clusters of dark green needles. Tolerates wide ranges of soils, but very sensitive to physical disturbances within the drip line.
Pitch Apple	Low	Evergreen	Small flowering specimen tree with dense, thick, leathery leaves and showy pink and white flowers in spring. Can form aerial roots. Poisonous.
Pond Apple	High	Semi-deciduous	Small specimen tree with dense upturned branches, glossy leaves, swollen trunk base with age and pithy, avocado-shaped fruits in the fall. Prefers swampy or aquatic sites, but can adapt to drier sites.
Red Bay	Low	Evergreen	Large shade or specimen tree with a dense rounded crown. Fragrant leaves with a grayish white underside are commonly used in cooking. Dark purple fruit attracts birds.
Redberry Stopper	Low	Evergreen	Small specimen or screening tree with glossy narrow-tipped leaves and attractive light-gray, peeling bark. Typically multi-stemmed. Small red fruits in fall attract birds.
Satinleaf	Low	Evergreen	Small-to-medium sized specimen or shade tree with showy leaves, glossy green on top and bronzy satin below. Small, dark purple fruit

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			attracts birds and squirrels.
Seagrape	Low	Evergreen	Medium-sized shade or specimen tree with broadly spreading canopy, large, leathery round leaves and peeling brown bark. Excellent for coastal areas. Edible fruit attracts wildlife.
Silver Buttonwood	Low	Evergreen	Medium-sized specimen or screening tree with a spreading vase shaped crown, silvery leaves and attractive bark. Typically multi-trunked. Subject to sooty mold in shady, humid, frequent watering conditions.
Spanish Stopper	Low	Evergreen	Small specimen tree with an irregular rounded crown and grayish-brown peeling bark. Small white, mildly fragrant flowers in summer and small black fruits in fall.
Strangler Fig	Low	Evergreen	Large freestanding shade tree when mature, but commonly begins life as an epiphyte on cabbage palms. Large glossy dark green leaves and showy trunk. Has an aggressive root system.
Sugarberry	Low	Deciduous	Large shade tree with a round irregularly shaped canopy, drooping branches and a showy pale gray trunk. Black and red fruits attract wildlife. Yellow fall color. Tolerant extended flooding.
Swamp Bay	Medium	Evergreen	Small shade or specimen tree with a dense, pyramid-shaped crown and aromatic leaves. Resembles red bay, but prefers moister sites and is more resistant to galls.
Wild Dilly	Low	Evergreen	Small specimen tree with dark green leathery leaves and edible fruit that attracts wildlife. The wood is very dense. Drooping cluster of yellow flowers in spring.
Wild Lime	Low	Evergreen	Small barrier, background or screening tree with a broad densely branched crown. Typically multi-trunked with spiny branches. Tolerates most planting conditions.
Willow, Bustic	Low	Evergreen	Small specimen or shade tree with glossy dark green leaves and a narrow upright crown. Small, white fragrant flowers in spring. Small black berries are excellent wildlife food.